in prices. This year, though the rentals have fallen down, the price has not fallen down, and that, though the rentals of 1100 were higher than those of 1099, the price did not go higher in 1100.

Then, with regard to the manufacture of salt the question mooted out by the Hon'ble Member for Nellayi is; Why should not the State embark on the manufacture of salt? No doubt it is successfully carried on in Travancore. So far as I know, salt manufacture was never attempted here at any time within living memory.

**Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.**—Did you see that salt was being manufactured here?

**Mr. V. B. Vaidyanatha Ayyar.**—Conditions here are not at all favourable. In Southern Travancore there is less rain, and so it is successfully carried on there, but here we get more rain, and therefore, it is not possible to get a good crop, and further the salt that we may get here is not at all good. And considering the fact that we get salt here at the very low rate of 13 as. per maund, the manufacture of salt here may not be worth our while.

Another point is the abolition of license fee for jaggery tapping. This will engage the attention of the Excise Commitee that has been recently appointed by the Government.

**President.**—The General Discussion of the Budget is now brought to a close. The next business is the Election of 3 non-official members to the Standing Finance Committee of 1102 M. E. I request Mr. Kochunni Menon, the Deputy President, to preside over this business, after which the House will rise for the day.

The President then left the meeting and the Deputy President presided.

## Election of Non-officials to the Standing Finance Committee.

**Mr. C. A. Ouseph.**—Sir, I propose that Messrs. K. T. Mathew, A. B. Salem and N. Padmanabha Menon be elected as members of the Finance Committee for 1102.

**Mr. George Chakyamuri.**—Sir, I second it.

**Mr. M. Krishna Menon.**—Sir, I propose Messrs. S. F. Nunez and A. Eachara Menon as members.

**Dr. A. R. Menon.**—I beg to agree with the proposition.

**Deputy President.**—I beg to announce that, as a result of the ballot, the votes stand thus :—

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| Mr. N. Padmanabha Menon | .... 22 | votes. |
| ,, S. F. Nunez | ... 17 | ,, |
| ,, A. Eachara Menon | .... 17 | ,, |
| ,, A. B. Salem | .. 15 | ,, |
| ,, K. T. Mathew | ... 14 | ,, |

I declare that Messrs. Padmanabha Menon, Nunez and Eachara Menon are duly elected as members of the Finance Commitee.

The House then adjourned at 5-15 p. m. to meet again at 11-30 a. m. the next day.

T. K. KRISHNA MENON,

*Secretary to the Council.*

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